

תהלים יד

TEHILIM 14

David wrote this psalm in response to his enemies in his time. In later generations, Israel understood David's words to apply to their problems also. Though much of the world may seem to have gone astray, Hashem will redeem His people Israel and they will rejoice.

Lam'natze-ach I'David.

For the conductor, by David.

Amar naval b'libo ein Elohim,

The degraded person says in their heart, There is no Elohim",

hishchitu hit-ivu alilah,

that have acted corruptly and have done despicable deeds,

ein oseh tov.

there is not one who does good.

Adonai mishamayim hishkif

Adonai looked down from the heavens

al b'nei adam,

upon humankind,

lirot hayesh maskil

to see if there is a reflective person

doresh et Elohim.

who seeks out Elohim.

Hakol sar yachdav ne-elachu,

All have gone astray, together they have become depraved,

ein oseh tov,

there is not one who does good,

ein gam echad.

there is not even one.

Halo yad'u kol po-alei aven,

Do they not realize, all those who do evil,

och'lei ami ach'lu lechem,

they who devour my people as they would devour bread,

Adonai lo kara-u.

they who call not upon Adonai.

Sham pachadu fachad,

There they will be stricken with terror,

ki Elohim b'dor tzadik.

for Elohim is with the generation of the righteous.

Atzat ani tavishu,

You put to shame the counsel of the poor,

ki Adonai machsehu.

for Adonai is their refuge.

Mi yiten mi-Tziyon y'shu-at Yisra-el,

Oh that out of Zion would come the salvation of Israel,

b'shuv Adonai

when Adonai shall restore

לְמַנְצֵחַ לְדָוִד.

אָמַר נָבֵל בְּלִבּוֹ אֵין אֱלֹהִים,

הַשְּׁחִיתוּ הַתְּעִיבוּ עַל־יְלָה,

אֵין עֹשֶׂה טוֹב.

יְהוָה יֵאֱהַדוֹנָהי מִשָּׁמַיִם הַשְּׁקִיף

עַל בְּנֵי אָדָם,

לְרֹאוֹת הַיֵּשׁ מִשְׁכִּיל

דֹרֵשׁ אֶת אֱלֹהִים.

הַכֹּל סָר יַחְדָּו נֶאֱלָחוּ,

אֵין עֹשֶׂה טוֹב,

אֵין גַּם אֶחָד.

הֲלֹא יָדְעוּ כָּל פְּעֵלֵי אֹן,

אֲכָלֵי עֲמֵי אֲכָלוּ לֶחֶם,

יְהוָה יֵאֱהַדוֹנָהי לֹא קָרְאוּ.

שָׁם פָּחַדוּ פָּחַד,

כִּי אֱלֹהִים בְּדוֹר צַדִּיק.

עֲצַת עֲנִי תְבִישׁוּ,

כִּי יְהוָה יֵאֱהַדוֹנָהי מַחְסֵהוּ.

מִי יִתֵּן מִצִּיּוֹן יְשׁוּעַת יִשְׂרָאֵל,

בְּשׁוּב יְהוָה יֵאֱהַדוֹנָהי

sh'vut amo,
the captivity of His people,
yagel Ya-akov yismach Yisra-el.
Jacob will exult, Israel will rejoice.

שְׁבוֹת עָמוֹ,
יִגַּל יַעֲקֹב יִשְׂמַח יִשְׂרָאֵל.